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おおきく振りかぶって announcement! from higuchi-sensei

Hello. I'm taking a break for a while again.
It's the same reason as last time, but advanced age is advanced age (I'm a bit over Tajima-mama's childbirth's age). The doctor also told me a few things, so I'm being cautious until everything ends safely.
Well, compared to the first child my belly is so huge; it feels twice the size. With my first child, somehow I was able to work up until 2 days before the birth. So this time too, I had planned on having extra time, but even though there's still a month and a half until the expected date, this month I was wheezing quite hard while drawing. (Giving birth to the first and second child is quite different, huh...)
For that reason, we'll part for a short time, but please, please, I hope you won't forget about Nishiura and their rival high school students.

Take care until the day
we can meet again!!

Higuchi Asa

Thank you for always supporting me!

I'm taking a break from serialization because of the circumstances mentioned above. But don't worry I'll work hard at gathering material and developing the manga plot. The serialization is scheduled to resume July 2017, but we'll announce it in the magazine as soon as it's settled! I plan to proceed so that the new volumes can be released at the same time the serialization resumes, but please look for the latest information in this magazine! For now, please continue to enjoy reading!

T/n Sometime before the actual trip, students gather at the airport to practice arriving on time

A certain day in October
as a dry run for their field trip*, they met at Haneda Airport And then for their rumored field trip to Kamakura,
they met at Tokyo Station,
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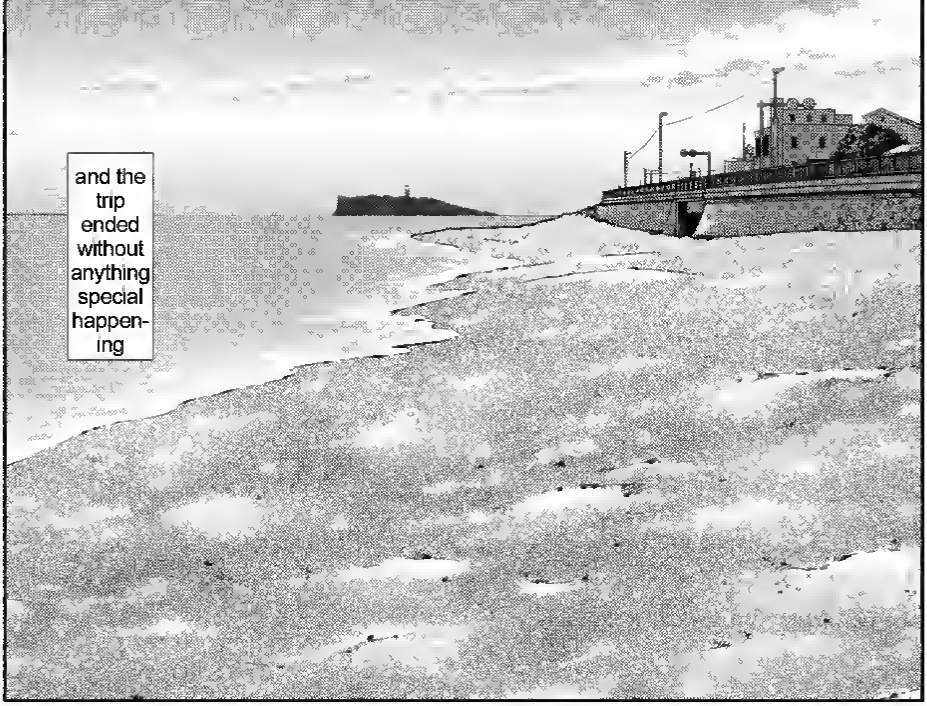
and the trip ended without anything special happen-ing

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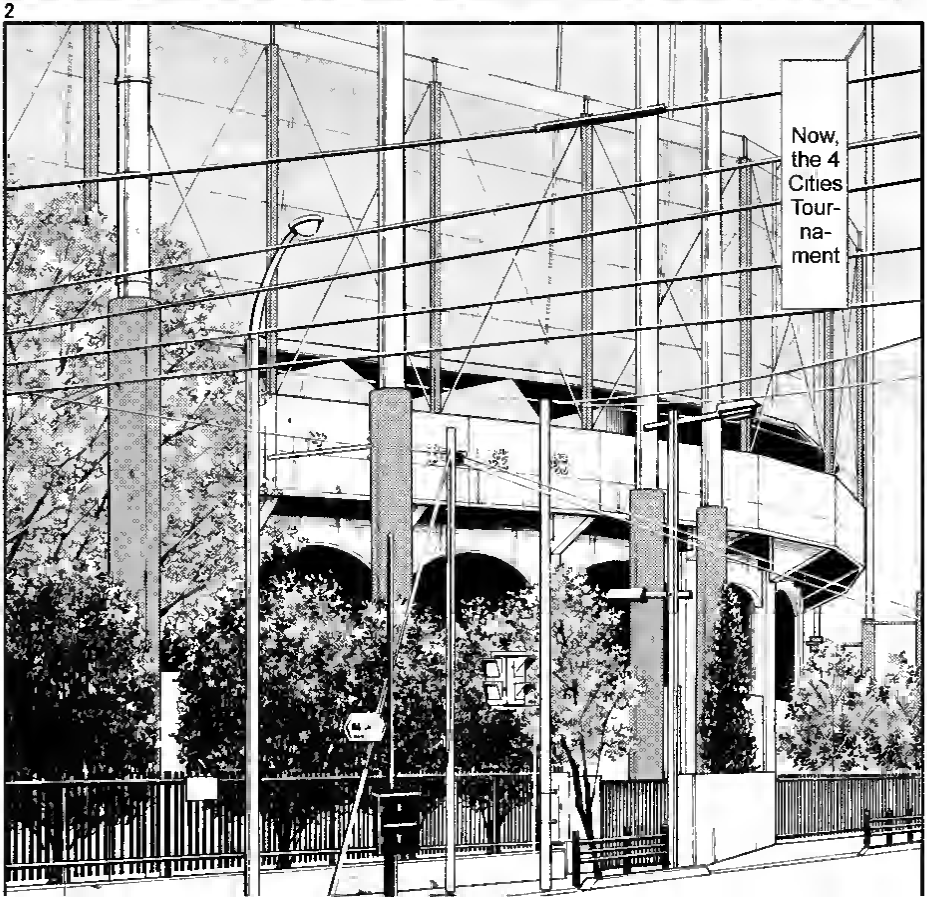
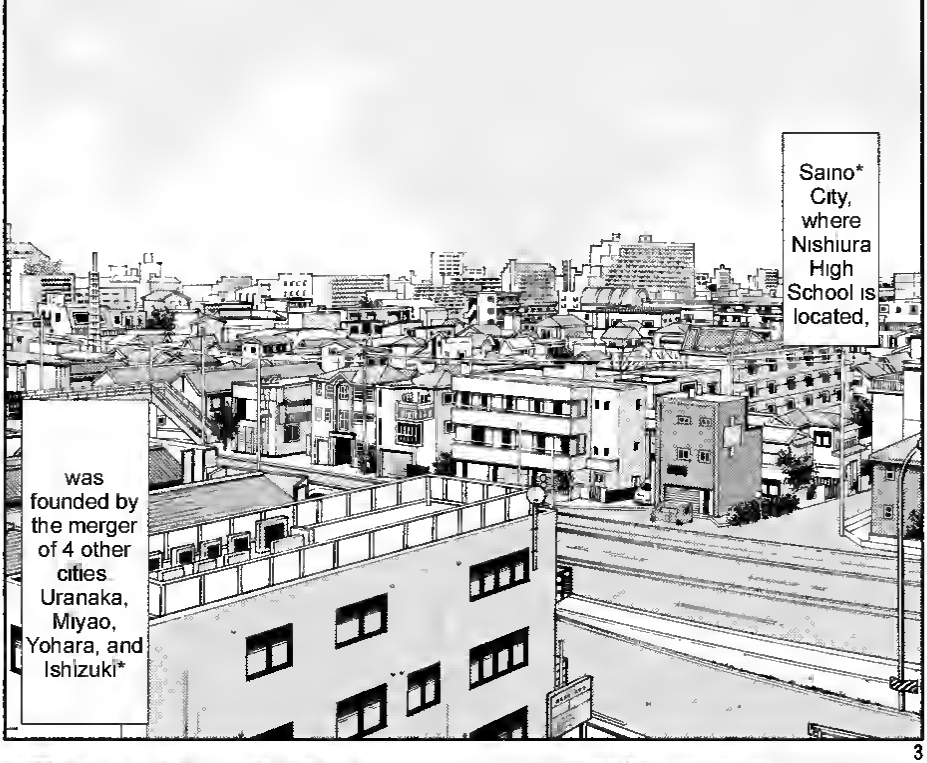

Now, the 4 Cities Tour-na-ment


Saino* City, where Nishiura High School is located,
was founded by the merger of 4 other cities Uranaka, Miyao, Yohara, and Ishizuki*

T/n: corresponds to the following real life cities
Saino → Saitama,
Uranaka → Urawa,
Miyao → Omiya,
Yohara → Yono,
Ishizuki → Iwatsuki

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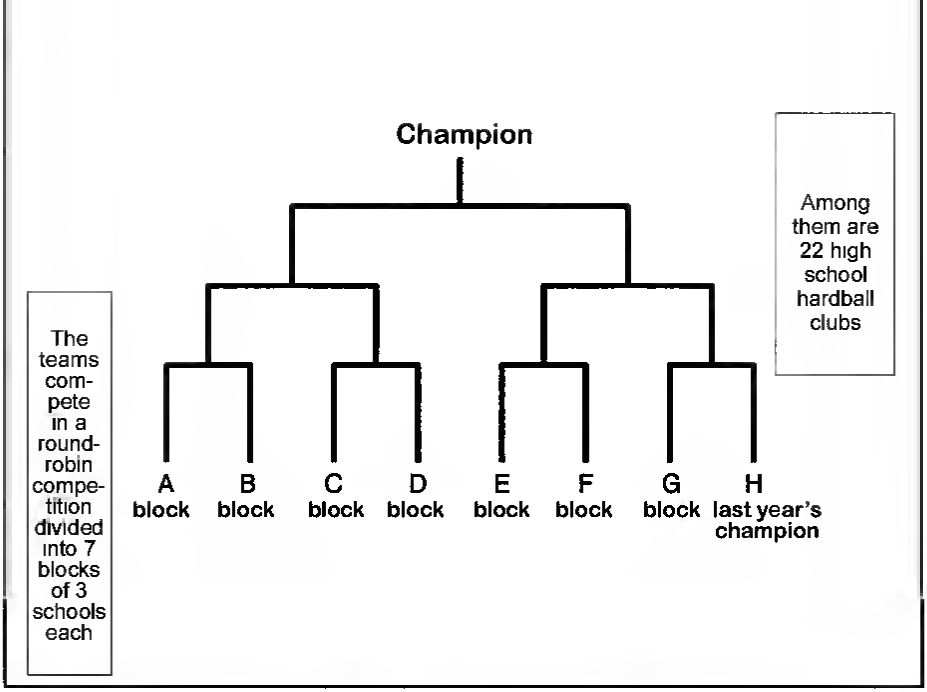
Many people compete in the various events from elementary school students to working adults
The name of the public sports tournament that was held in the 4 cities was kept after the merge


Champion
A block
B block
C block
D block
E block
F block
G block
H last year's champion
The teams compete in a round-robin competition divided into 7 blocks of 3 schools each
Among them are 22 high school hardball clubs

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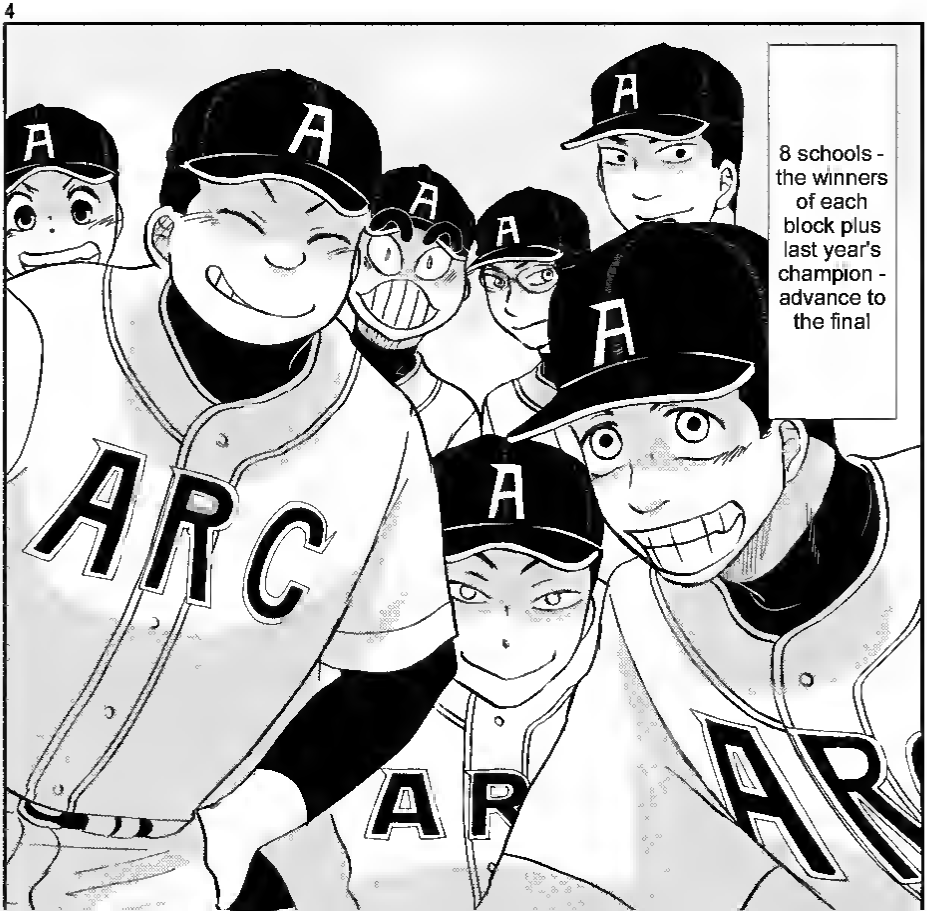
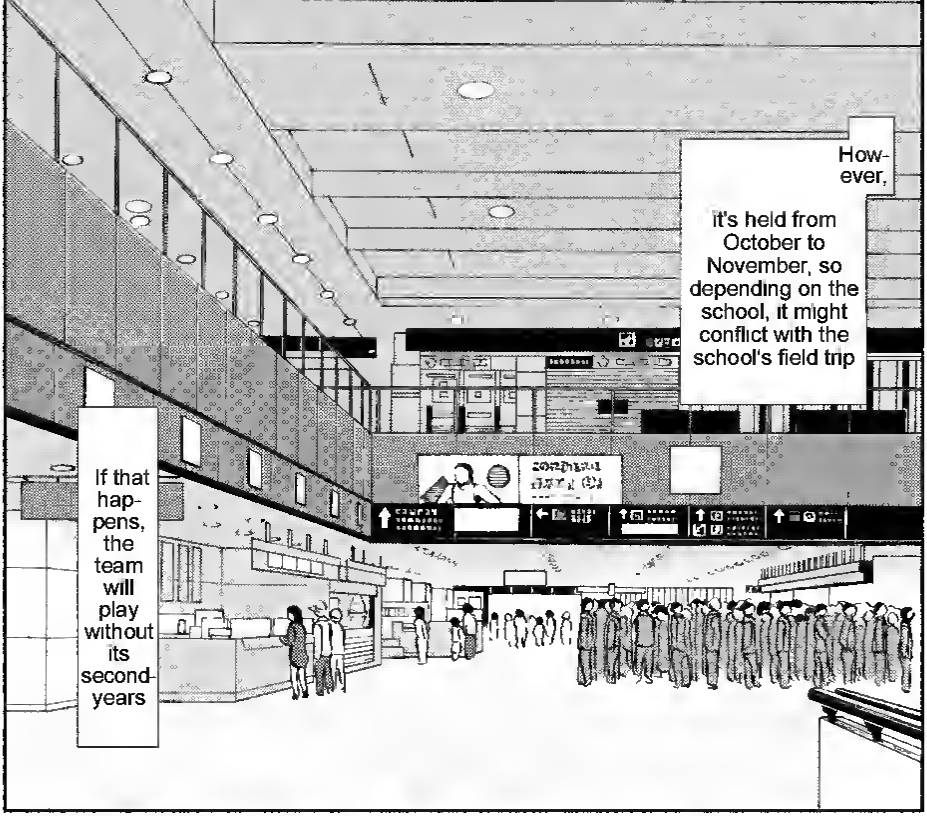
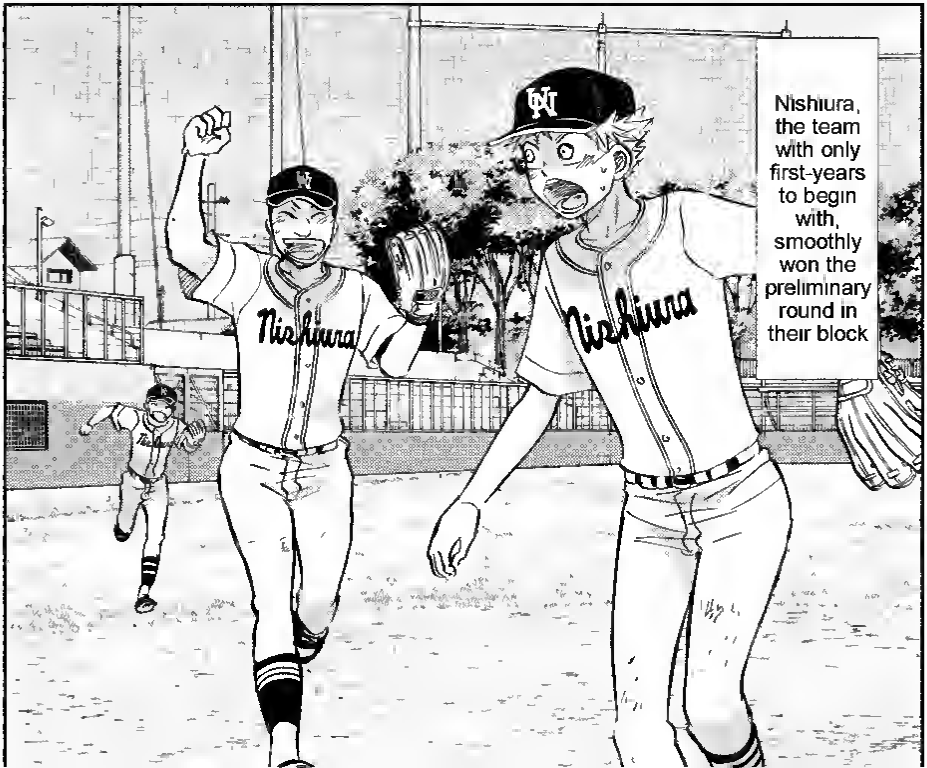
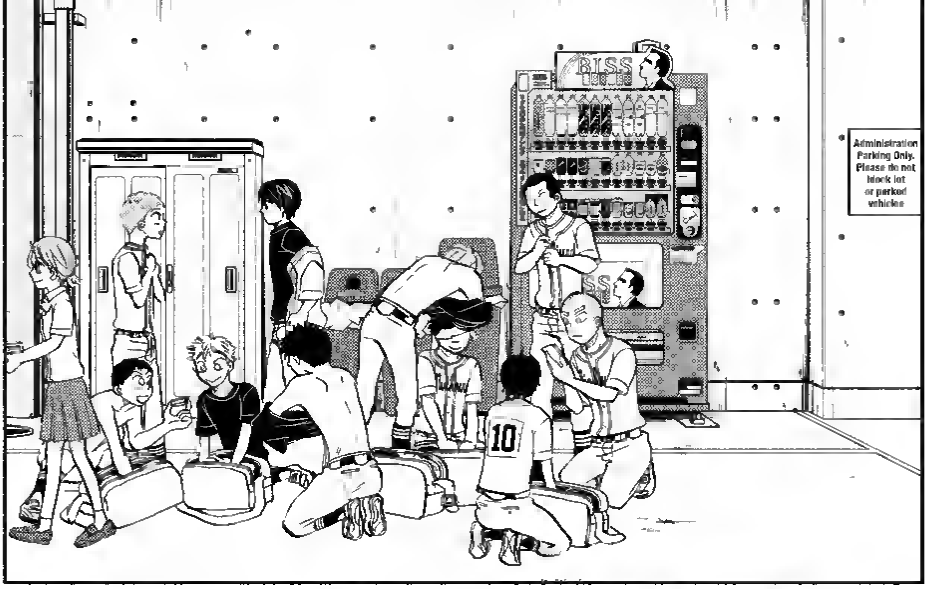

8 schools - the winners of each block plus last year's champion - advance to the final


How-
ever,
it's held from October to November, so depending on the school, it might conflict with the school's field trip
If that hap-
pens, the team will play without its second-years


Nishiura, the team with only first-years to begin with, smoothly won the preliminary round in their block
Nishiura
Nishiura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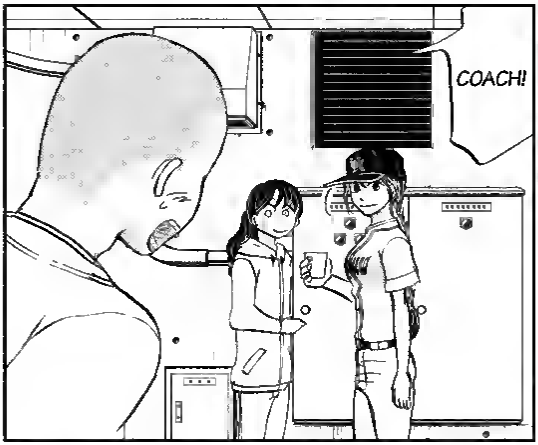

COACH!

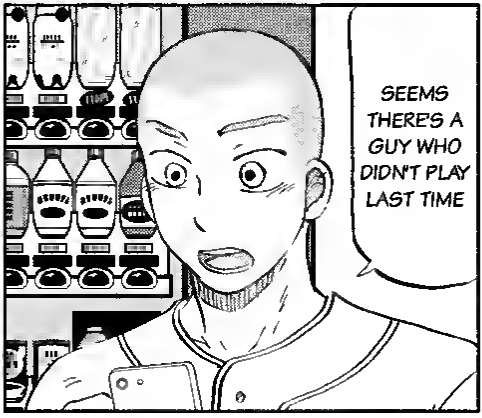
OH!

THERE'S AN EMAIL FROM HAMADA-SAN!

BISS
OHH
Nishiura
LOOKS LIKE SAKITAMA WON IN E-BLOCK!

EHH?!
AND HE BATS 5th

WHAT'S HAP-PENING WITH SAKITA-MA?


SEEMS THERE'S A GUY WHO DIDN'T PLAY LAST TIME

It's here
Bzz
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Bzz
Bzz
Bzz
I HAVE A PHOTO OF THE SCORE. I'LL FORWARD IT
HOO?
Nishiura
THERE WAS A PLAYER, "ISHINAMI"-KUN, ON THE PLAYERS' LIST, BUT HE WASN'T ON THE BENCH
AH! THIS GUY
I DIDN'T NOTICE ...
SO THIS GUY WASN'T THERE
THAT REMINDS ME. I THOUGHT THEY ONLY HAD 10 PLAYERS

I WONDER IF HE WAS IN-JURED?
NORMALLY YOU CAN STILL BE ON THE BENCH IF YOU RE INJURED
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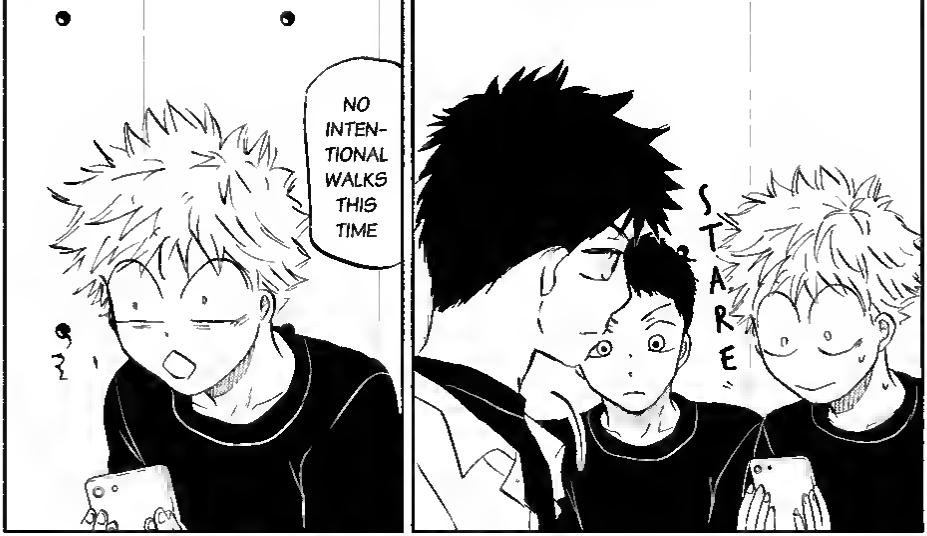
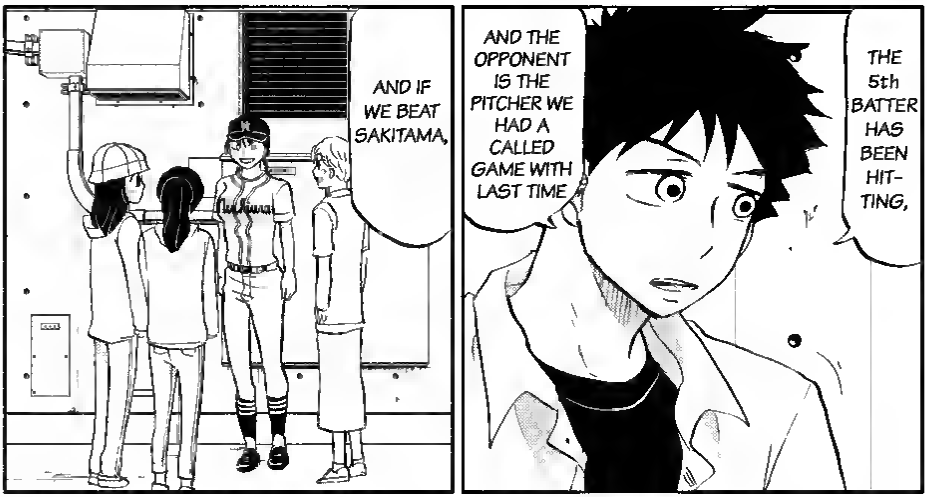
MAYBE HE HAD THE FLU... YOU WOULDN'T GET ON THE BENCH WITH CERTAIN CONTAGIOUS DISEASES EITHER
THEN IN HOSPITAL? HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BEEN THERE IF HE WAS HOSPITALIZED

BUT POINT IS A GUY WE DON'T KNOW IS BATTING 5th
WE DON'T KNOW WHY,


NO INTENTIONAL WALKS THIS TIME
STARE

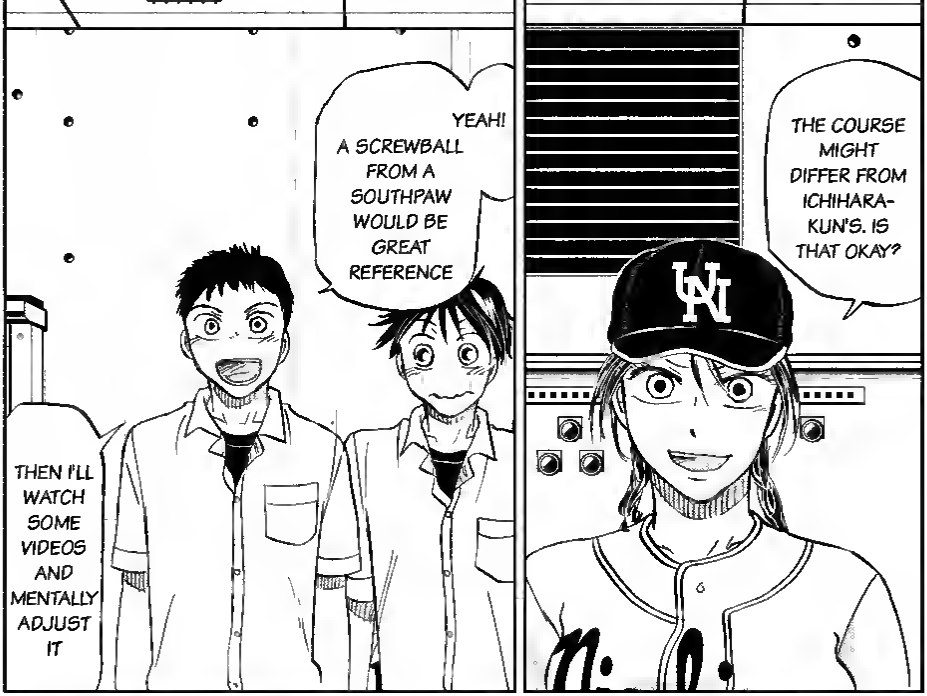

AND IF WE BEAT SAKITAMA,
AND THE OPPONENT IS THE PITCHER WE HAD A CALLED GAME WITH LAST TIME
THE 5th BATTER HAS BEEN HITTING,

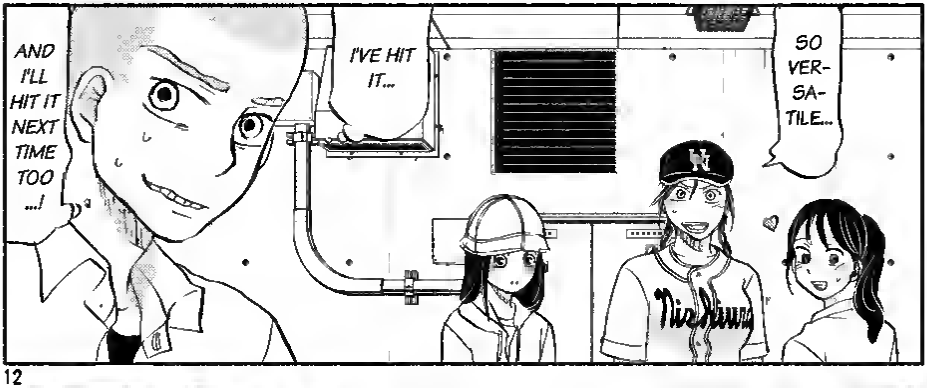
NEXT IS ARC

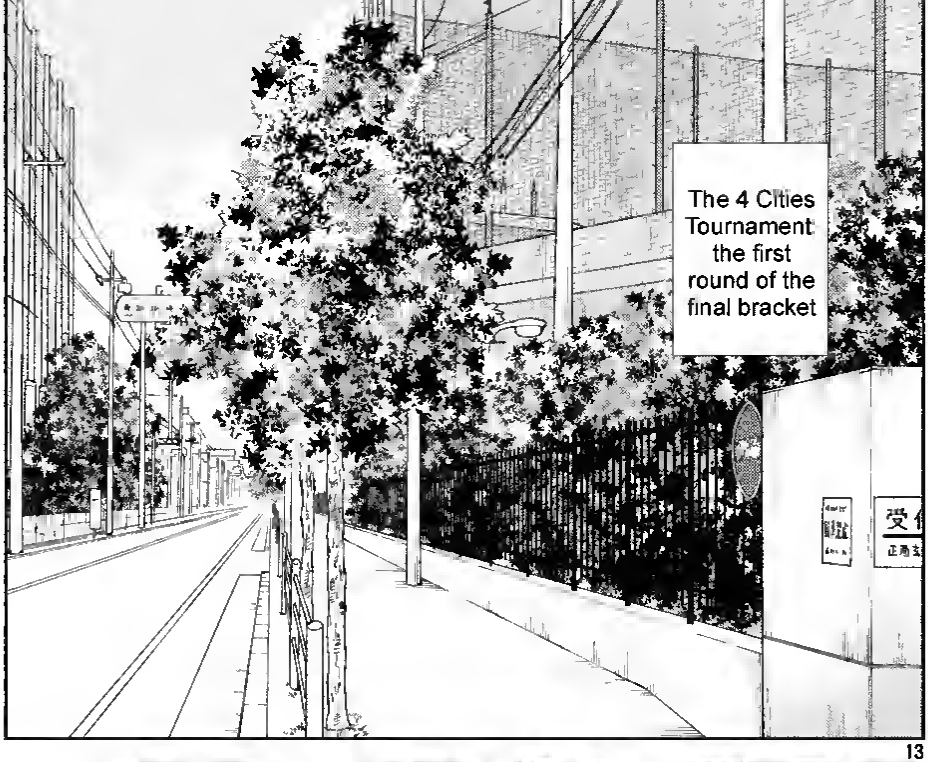
IT MIGHT NOT BE GOOD TO THINK THAT FAR AHEAD,
BUT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT IT, HUH?
SAKURA IS A GOOD HITTER
LET'S TEST YOUR PITCHES BEFORE ARC

RIGHT, YOU WERE HURT
SHOULD WE ASK THE COACH TO THROW THEM AGAIN?
I COULDN'T HIT LAST TIME, SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THOSE SCREW-BALLS!

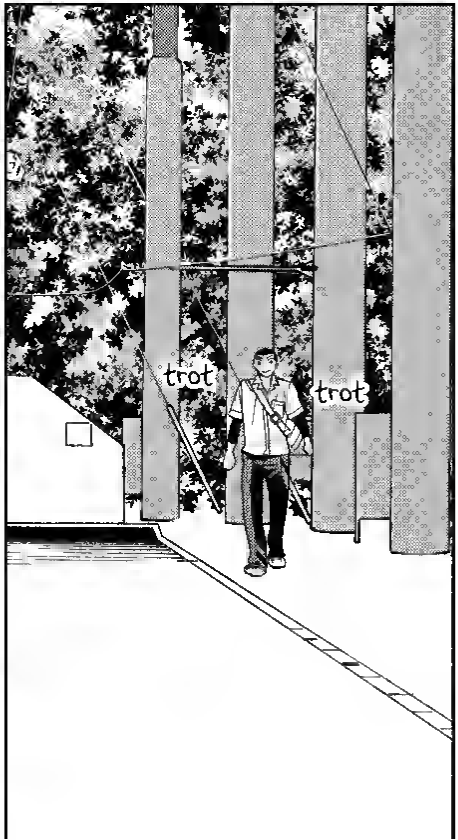
COACH!
CAN WE COUNT ON YOU FOR SCREWBALLS AGAIN?!

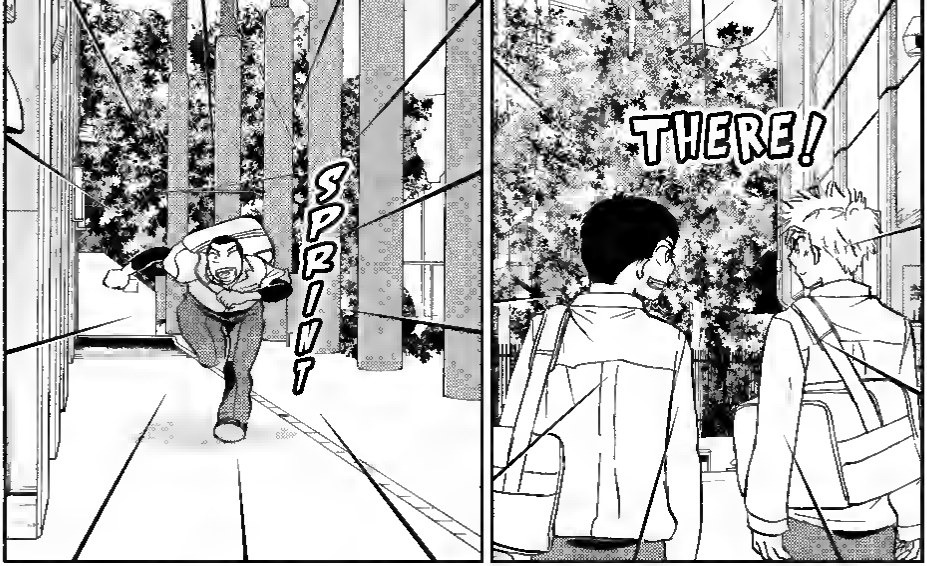

THEN I'LL WATCH SOME VIDEOS AND MENTALLY ADJUST IT
YEAH! A SCREWBALL FROM A SOUTHPAW WOULD BE GREAT REFERENCE
THE COURSE MIGHT DIFFER FROM ICHIHARA-KUN'S. IS THAT OKAY?

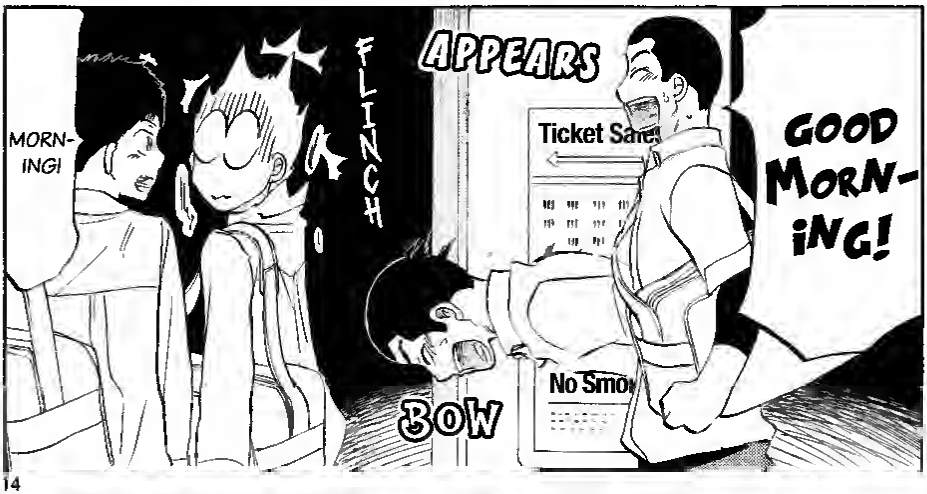

AND I'LL HIT IT NEXT TIME TOO ...!
I'VE HIT IT...
SO VER-SA-TILE...


The 4 Cities Tournament the first round of the final bracket

... AH!


trot
trot


SPRINT
THERE!


MORN-ING!
FLINCH
APPEARS
Ticket Sale
GOOD MORN-ING!
BOW
No Smo

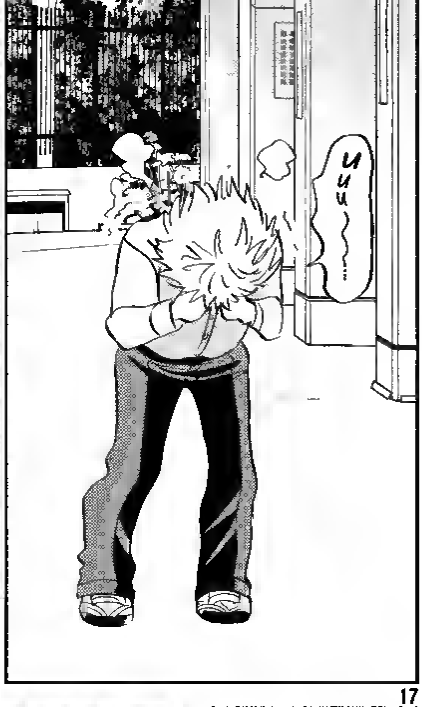
BA-
BATT-
TODAY WE'LL

禁
2階
-LE
WILL YOU...
BATTLE WITH ME?
nod

RE-VENGE!
PUNCH
clench
flinch
YEAH!!!

fly off
Uuu...
YOU'RE NOT EXCITED?
bye-bye
SEE YA!
SEE YA LATER!
BA-DUMP
THWAP
REN!
Bill
Bill
Bill
PLUS BEAM!

GOOD!
PLUS!
THWAP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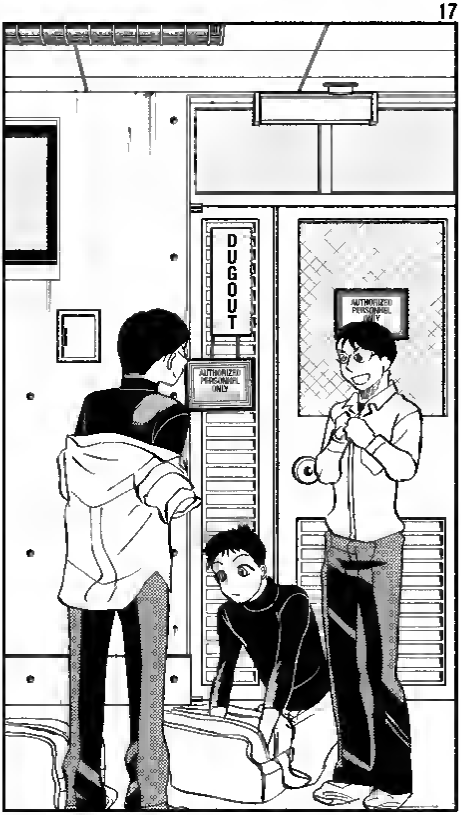
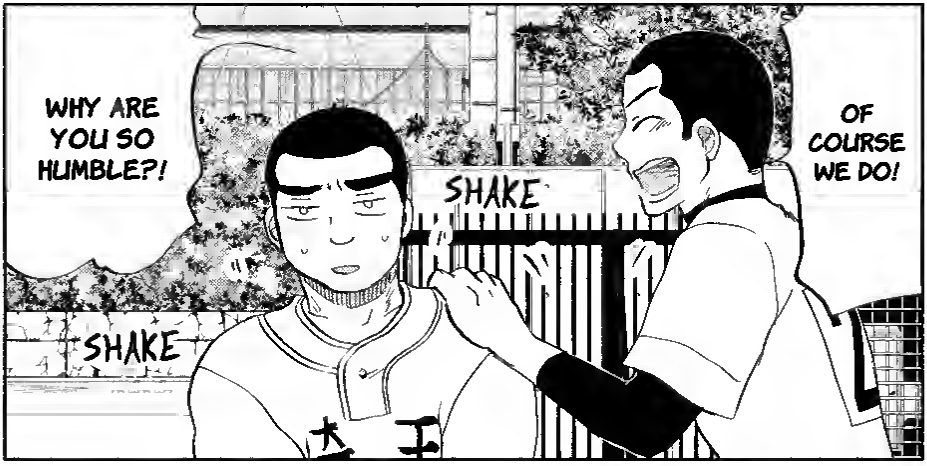
EH?
YOU TALKED TO THEIR PITCH-ER?

YES!
HE SAID THEY WON'T WALK ME TODAY!


DUGOUT
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

BUT EVEN AN INTENTIONAL WALK WOULD BE FINE THIS TIME SINCE TOMO IS BACK
I'M GRATEFUL THERE WON'T BE ANY IN-TENTIONAL WALKS THOUGH...
FOR REAL?
IT WAS TOUGH IN SUMMER

...IT'D BOTHER ME THAT YOU EXPECTED SO MUCH FROM ME...

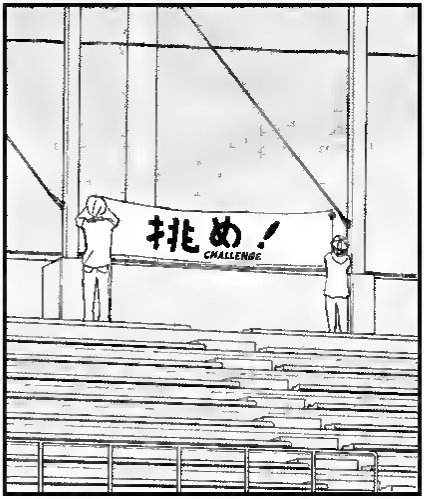

WHY ARE YOU SO HUMBLE?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
OF COURSE WE DO!

I SAID WE'D HAVE OUR REVENGE!
NAH, IT'S COOL!
OH?
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING UNCALLED-FOR, DID YOU?
BY THE WAY, DAICHI,

WELL, IT IS REVENGE...
OH BOY...

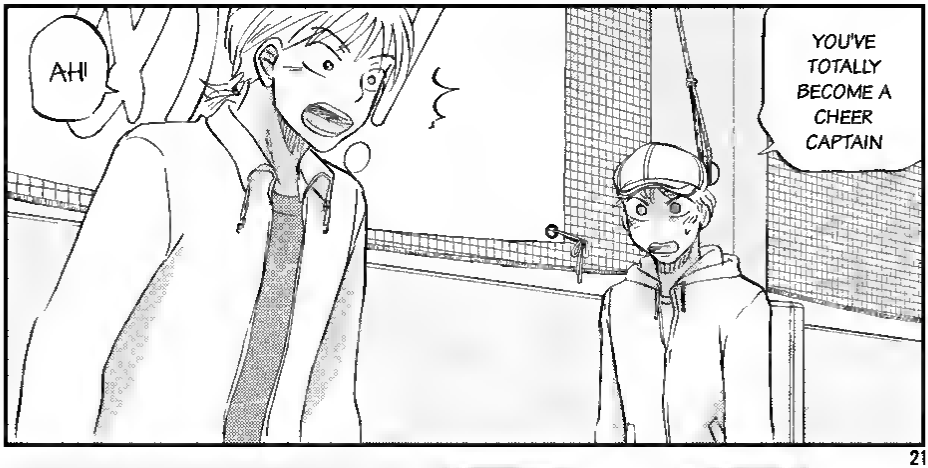
YES!

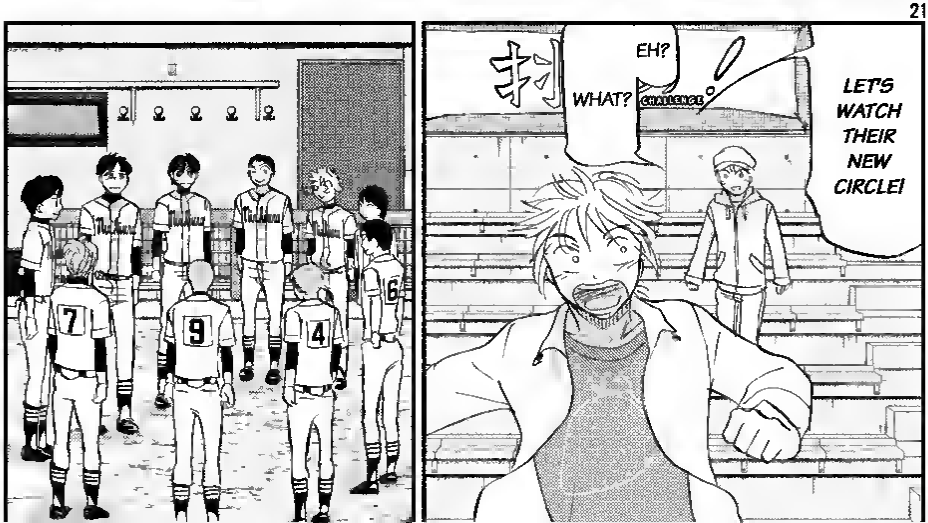
LET'S SHOW TAI-SAN OUR WINNING SIDE!


挑め！
CHALLENGE

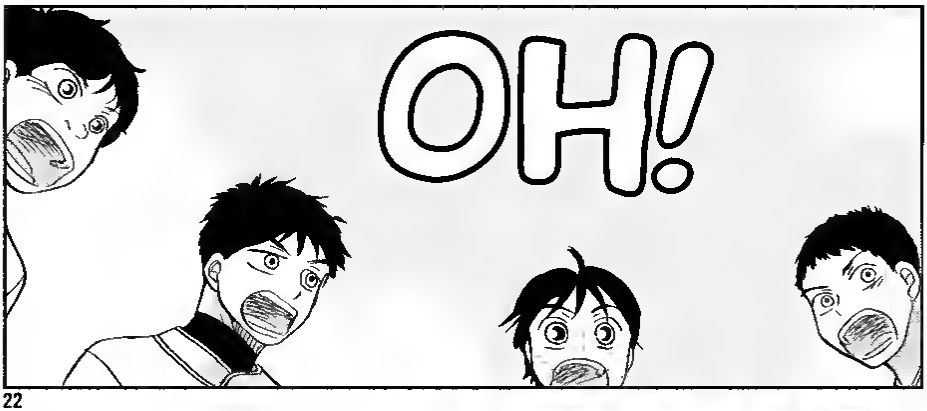
YES, I WAS REALLY ANXIOUS BY THEN
I SENT YOU AN EMAIL LAST TIME
OH, RIGHT

BUT ENERGY-WISE, I'LL CHEER TO MAKE UP FOR LAST TIME!
WE DON'T HAVE A CHEERING SQUAD TODAY,
I DIDN'T MESSAGE YOU UNTIL AFTER THE GAME AND THEN ONLY SAID WE WON
HA HA HA
Knot


AH!
YOU'VE TOTALLY BECOME A CHEER CAPTAIN

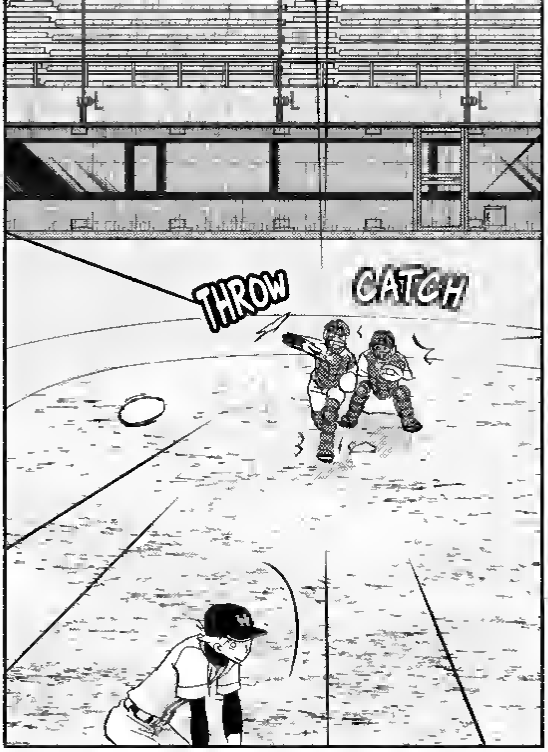

LET'S WATCH THEIR NEW CIRCLE!
EH?
WHAT?
CHALLENGE!

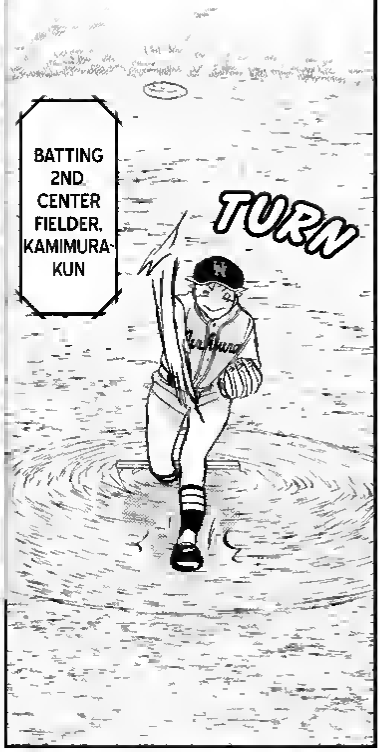
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!
LET'S PLAY WITH PLUS THINKING!
DON'T FOCUS ON LAST TIME
DON'T FOCUS ON THE FUTURE


OH!

NISHIURA!

OHHH!!!
INTRODUCING THE STARTING LINEUP
FIRST, ON OFFENSE, SAKITAMA HIGH SCHOOL BATTING 1ST, THIRD BASEMAN SUGITA-KUN, UNIFORM #5


THROW
CATCH

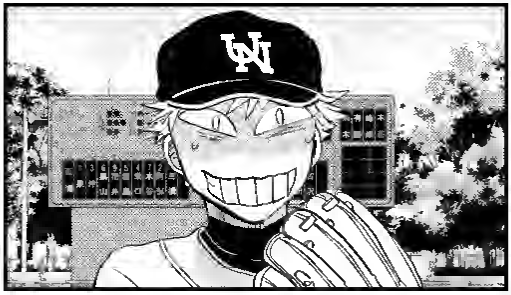

BATTING 2ND, CENTER FIELDER, KAMIMURA-KUN
TURN

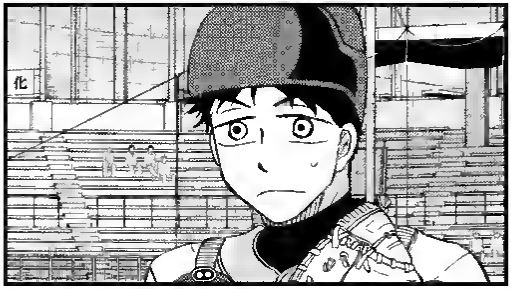
run
click
RISE
click
run

NICE THROW!
SMACK

WE HELD THEM AT 2 HITS LAST TIME
UNSURPRISINGLY, WE'RE PRETTY RELAXED TODAY

THEY HAVE ISHINAMI AND SAKURA,
BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO FACING THEM BOTH





GIMME YOUR HAND

Nishi

quiver
slap

"ABOUT 4-ZONES" IS PLENTY FOR NOW
.....
WHAT ARE YOU NER-VOUS ABOUT?
My co-
con-trol
is

LOOK UP!
PLUS THINK-ING!
WELL, I'LL ADMIT IT'S NOT PERFECT,
BUT LET'S NOT SWEAT THE LITTLE THINGS
P-
Plus
uh
YEAH!
LET'S FINISH IT BEFORE ISHINAMI!
TAKE IT EASY!
THIS TIME IT'S GONNA BE HARD
IN THE PREVIOUS MATCH, I HAD IT EASY

TODAY IS
OH
OH
OHH
THE BATTLE!
THE TRUTH!
THIS WILL BE
1ST INNING!
LET'S PLAY IT TIGHT!
THE ACE CAN'T RUN AWAY

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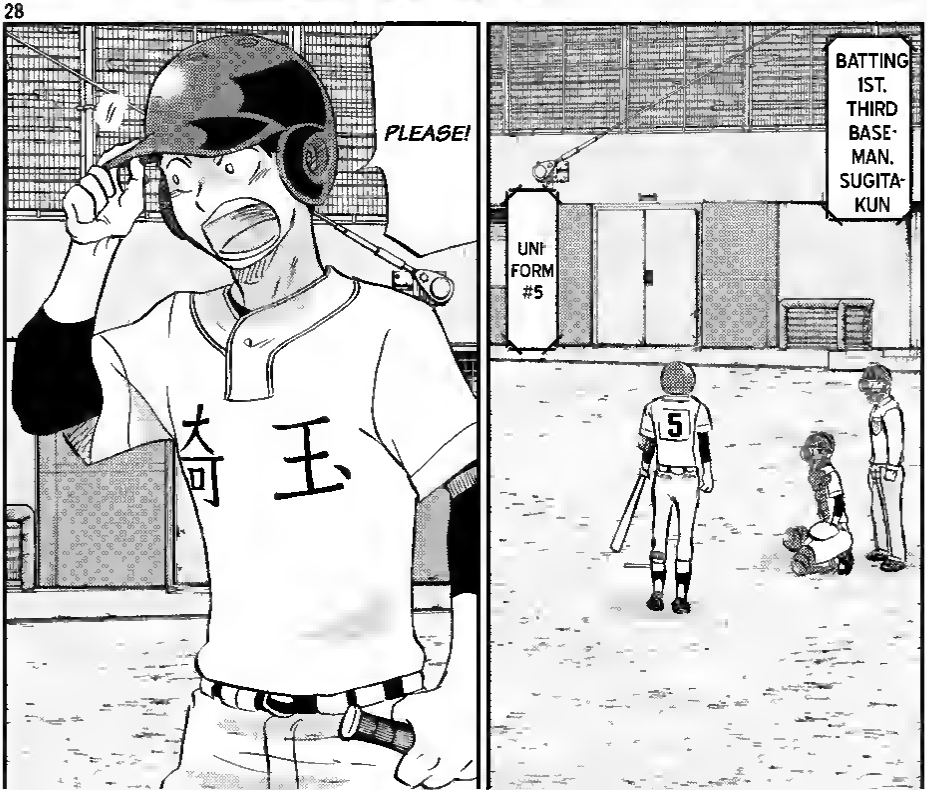
PLEASE!
奇玉
BATTING 1ST. THIRD BASE-MAN. SUGITA-KUN
UNI-FORM #5
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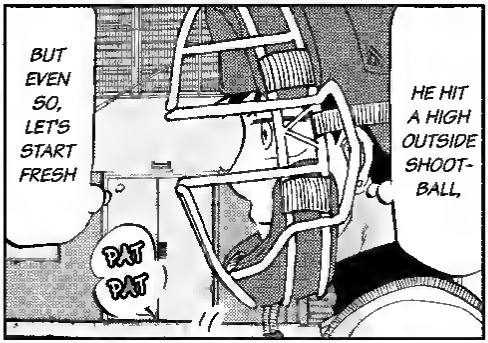
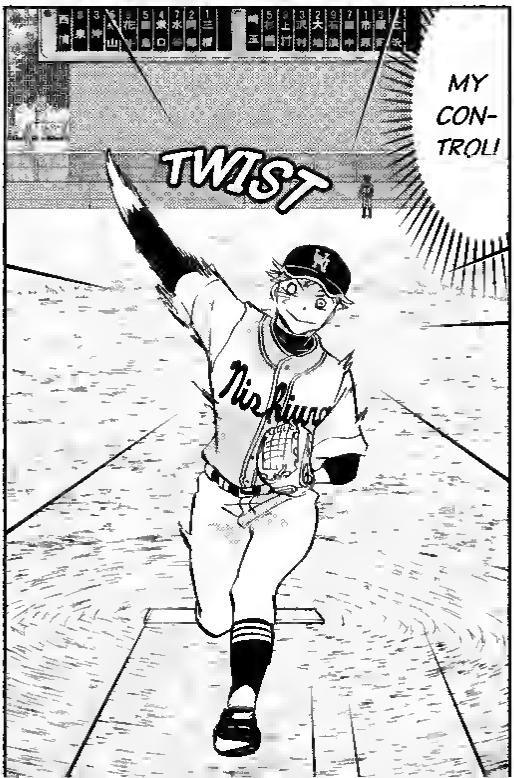
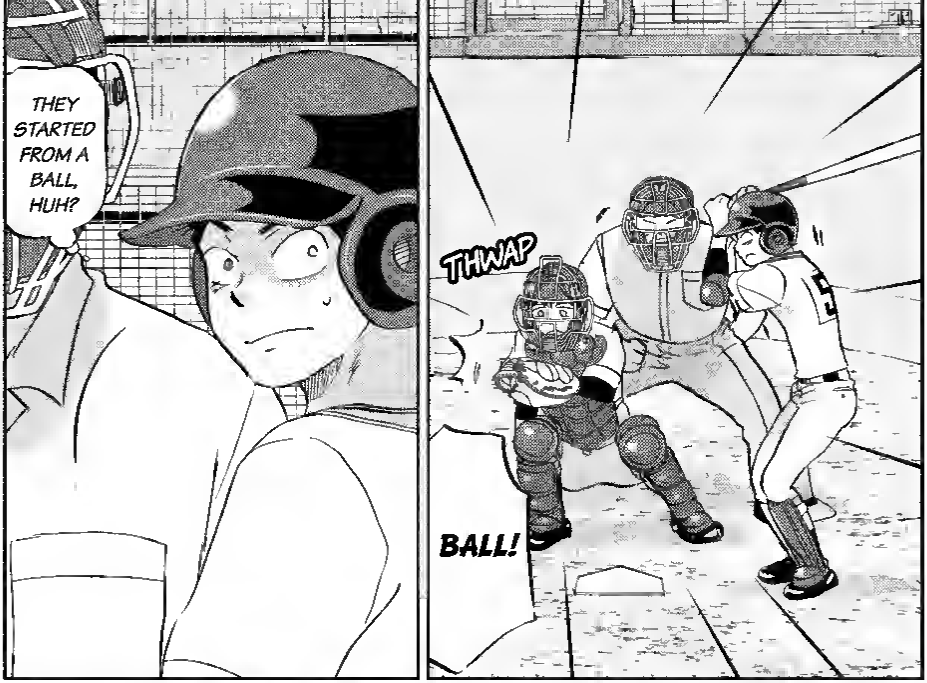
WE'RE START-ING WITH A BALL

PLAY!
SUGITA MADE ONE OF THEIR TWO HITS LAST TIME


BUT EVEN SO, LET'S START FRESH
PAT PAT
HE HIT A HIGH OUTSIDE SHOOT-BALL,


TWIST
MY CON-TROL!

ABE-KUN
Li
FT
TRUSTS


THEY STARTED FROM A BALL, HUH?
THWAP
BALL!

SWOOSH
SMA
CK

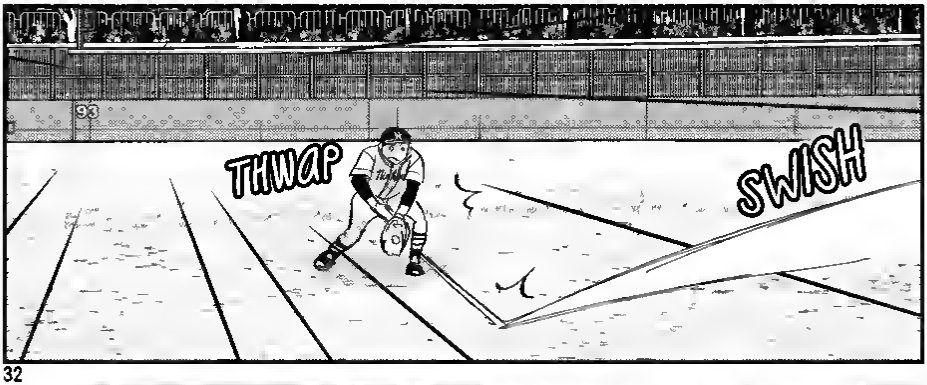
A CURVE INSIDE
PAT
PAT

...THAT'LL GET INTO THE STRIKE ZONE
lift

BOTH THE SHOOT-BALL AND THE CURVE HAVE GOOD BREAK
CURVE, HUH?
BUT HE ALMOST HASN'T CHAN-GED?
SWISH
I WON-DERED HOW DIF-FERENT HE WAS SINCE BECOM-ING A LEADOFF,

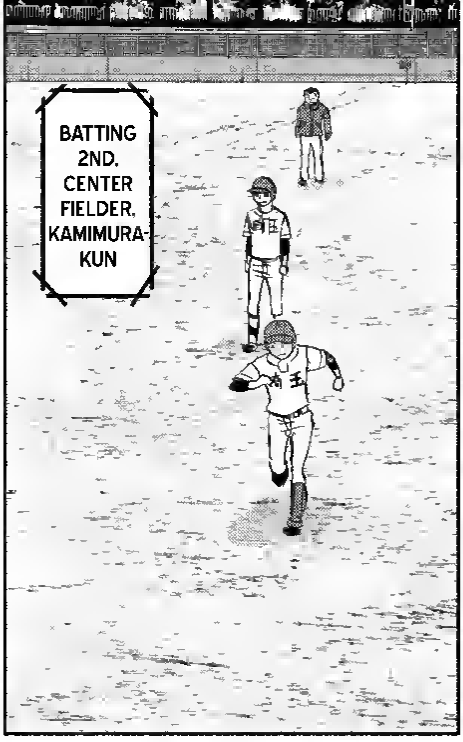
HIS FORM SEEMS DIFFERENT TOO...
Lift
TWIST
Nishijima

I CAN REACH!
KLINK


THWAP
SWISH

OUT!
THWAP
WHOOSH

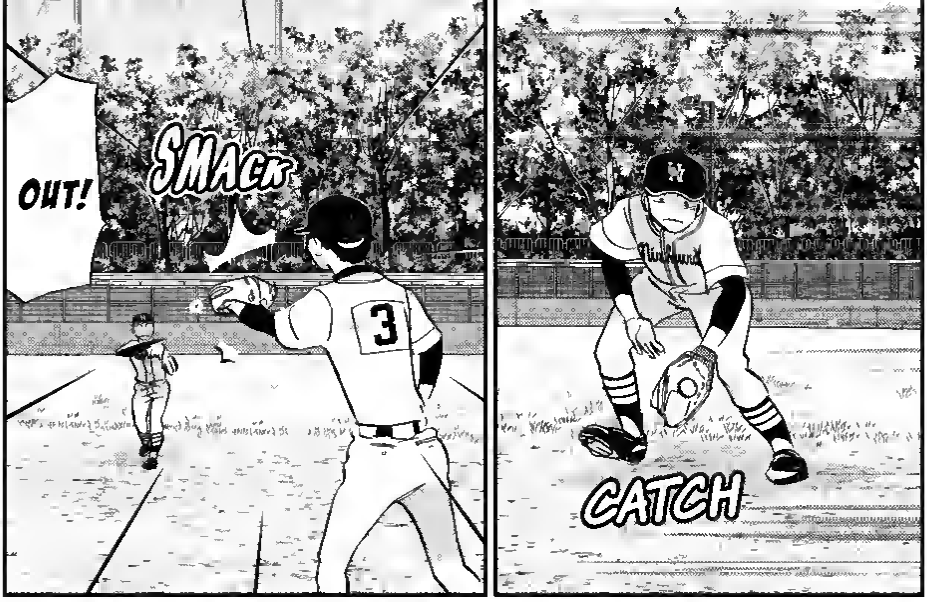
HOW WAS IT?


BATTING 2ND, CENTER FIELDER, KAMIMURA-KUN

IT FEELS LIKE HIS BREAKING BALLS IMPROVED SINCE SUMMER

YOU ARE REALLY OPTIMISTIC
COOL! RIPE FOR REVENGE!
BUT HE SEEMS TO BE DOING WELL
HIS FORM IS MORE RESERVED TOO,

KLI
NK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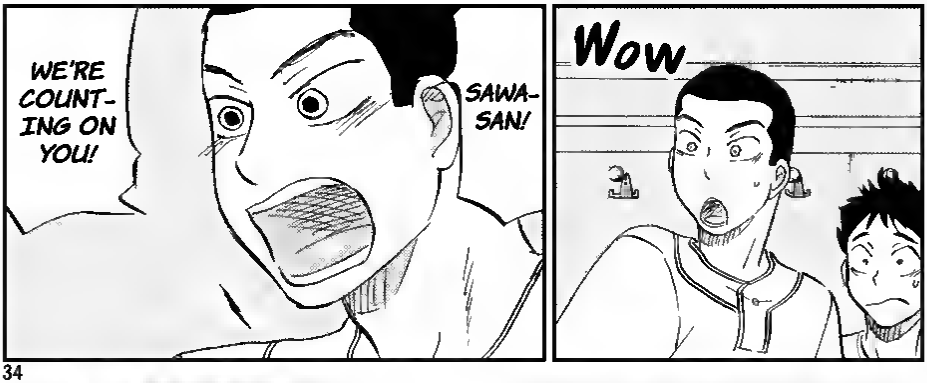
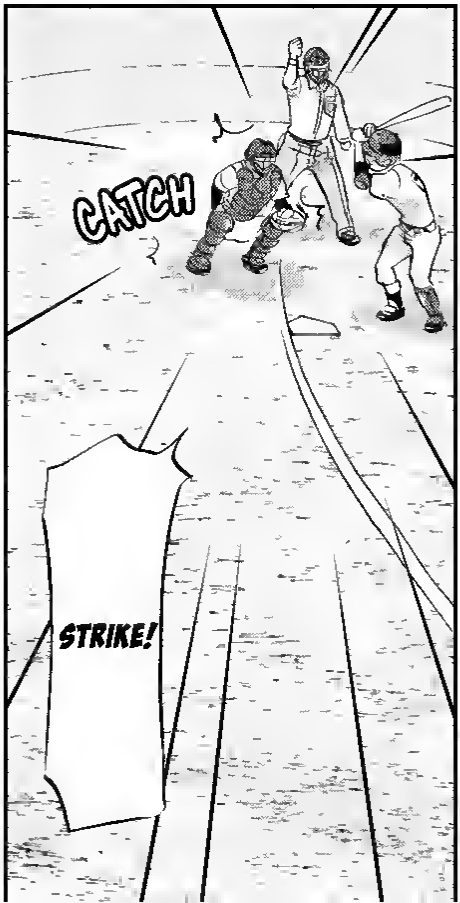
CATCH


WE'RE COUNT-ING ON YOU!
SAWA-SAN!
Wow

WE DISCUSSED NOT HITTING EARLY IN THE COUNT AND TO MAKE HIM THROW MORE,
BUT YOU'D SWING INSTINC-TIVELY AT HIS PITCHES
PLE-ASE!
BATTING THIRD, FIRST BASE-MAN, SAWA-MURA-KUN

THEY OFTEN START WITH BALLS, YET HE ALMOST NEVER GIVES WALKS OR A HIT-BY-PITCH
MEANING THEY START WITH BALLS ON PURPOSE
THWAP
BALL!


CATCH
STRIKE!

THE NEXT SHOULD BE A STRIKE

lift

IN THE SUMMER, WE WERE ALL THROWN OUT BY THAT
"IT'S A GOOD PITCH TO HIT", IT TURNS
SEE. JUST WHEN YOU THINK

IT'S A SIMPLE STRATEGY TO MAKE A PITCHER THROW MORE, BUT IT REALLY SCREWS UP YOUR RHYTHM
HE'S THE TYPE OF PITCHER THAT'D INCREASE HIS PITCH COUNT IF YOU LEAVE HIM BE

I'LL TURN AS MANY AT-BATS TO DAICHI AND TOMO AS POSSIBLE!
WELL, LET'S TEST OUR REAL STRENGTH NOW!

CHAPTER 130

Ijuuin-san became the face of morning TBS radio (on April 11, 2016), and I feel deeply that our generation has at last started to become grandmas and grandpas... I also feel deeply that Nishiura members once again wear long sleeves. Finally, the fall of their first year has come.

Ijuuin Hikaru